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**MINUTES - Monday 19th June 2023
TEAMS @ 7 PM**

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

Present - Alison McFarlane, Shona Fisher, Gemma Boggs, Angela Hughes, Andy Fairchild, Charlotte McKinstry, Chris Blair, Debs Bruce, Robin Bell, William Watson & Dave Slater

Apologies - Funmi Sanusi

2. MINUTES & ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- There's been no further contact from Isobel Kelly re Gartcosh Development Trust.

3. TREASURER REPORT

There's around £2600 in the bank account at present although the school have still to get funds from that for class trips. RB will speak with Vicki to see how much has to be sent over. RB now has full access to banking app and can send payments. He has changed us over to paperless statements and will receive these by email instead. We need to pay for the ice cream van on the last day of term, £120 has to be paid for the DJ at the school disco and road safety banners are around £100 so guesstimate of around £500 left after all of that.

4. BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES

The bank mandate was sent back to GB as AF is not a signatory. We now know who the 2 signatories are, and GB or AH will contact them to sign the form.

5. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- Easyfundraising has brought in £1676.99, the community lottery is just short of £500 and £140 from Co-op. AH has applied for the Co-op grant again.
- We had previously discussed having a race night. The bowling club have just advertised that they are having one in October. We have a lot coming up so should look at doing the race night early in the new year, lots of time to plan and think it will be very fruitful and enjoyable.
- AH stated the p7's are coming up with new ideas; one being a monthly coffee morning.
- We have the end of term disco on Thursday which will be the first time we've charged for entry instead of a donation. More raffles will be sold as well as pocket money toys so hopefully brings in a bit from that.

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- We have the colour run in September but could look at doing a Burns' supper in January. Would be something different.
- We should make decisions and get dates booked so we can plan well ahead.
- AM said they were thinking about making changes to the sports day next year, morning activities would be the same but the afternoon the children could be with their families to make it more of a fayre/fundraiser, there could be activities on throughout and then the children would be called for to do their races. CM asked where the races would be held next year as the grass area currently used will be taken over by the club/football team. Something to think about.
- Discussing the Christmas Fayre, AM asked about her idea of it being held on a Friday after school. The PC had discussed this, and several could not help out on a Friday due to commitments so would be difficult to run. PC had also discussed the possibility of it being held on a Sunday afternoon in the social club, more space, have mulled wine/mince pies etc. It was agreed that there's something nice about having it in the school, but space is limited. Further discussion to be had on this.

6. BLINDS FOR CLASSES

CM advised of a comment that was put on the We Are Gartcosh Facebook page where a local resident complained about the idea of another modular building installed at the school and stated they could see into classrooms. AM stated that the school is on emergency repairs only and since the blinds could not be taken to the new school, NLC are not likely to authorise blinds. Could we consider freeze frost? Or look at other options based on what the tenant had said. Sub group to discuss and take further.

7. NEW SCHOOL DESIGN CONSULTATION

GB discussed the meeting last week. There were lots of good ideas and discussions had. The whole thing was very positive. The Architect's plans and previous projects were all very impressive. They listened and took on board any requests/suggestions. The consensus is that a single story won't fit the number/space requirement. There is a further meeting tomorrow for this.

8. HEADTEACHER UPDATE

- Mr Naismith attended an awards ceremony and came up with a great idea. We could purchase £1 buckets from B&Q and take these on walks to the nature reserve, community garden etc. We could put packed lunches inside them if going out for longer, then use the buckets to sit on for stories, lessons etc. They could be used to scoop water to examine different insects and hold leaves and things for discussion. CM said we should write to B&Q Coatbridge who have a department for helping schools so could possibly get them for free. CM will check for a contact name/email.
- The school had been asked about swimming lessons for P5's. It would be £450 per set (12 x 45 minute' sessions) and we would need 2 sets

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because there's 30 p5's. That's £900 for the swimming but £2000 for the transport. That's just not sustainable going forward. Even if parents contributed to the lessons, transport makes it too much to commit to every year to keep it fair.

- The awards ceremony is next Tuesday. There are no trophies this year, just certificates but they've made them nice and expanded the categories so that there are more to give out. The pupils may feel disappointed, but it was £1000 for 60 trophies and cannot justify paying that out.
- 2 parents contacted AM with concerns about an incident that happened in Gartloch Village where a pupil was approached by someone in a van. The Police are involved, and the school will be doing a lot of 'stranger danger' discussions with the children and a memo will go out to parents to advise of this.
- School PEF is £20,000 and will be used to support staffing. We won't have Barnardo's this year.
- Staffing. AM apologises that we do not yet know who next term's class teachers will be. There have been a few changes and still waiting to hear who else we will be getting. We do know that Lisa Murray will be acting Principal Teacher and a teacher will be brought in to replace her. Sarah Morbey will be staying but we will lose Mr MacDonald. 2 other teachers are still to be confirmed.
- There are 49 p1 pupils enrolled for next year with 4 placing requests.
- AM & SF are going to see a new school on Friday to get further ideas for our new school.

9. EVENTS

- School disco on Thursday 22nd June in Social Club

10. DATES FOR CALENDAR

- School awards on Tuesday 27th June
- School closes on Wednesday 28th June

11. PARENT FORUM FEEDBACK

P2 parents had raised concerns about the school not being big enough to cope with the number of pupils. That's as it is without the high intake of new p1's, even with the new modular unit. The question was asked if there was a square footage per child that the school should have to meet health and safety wise? AM confirmed yes, there is limit and NLC have assessed and confirmed we are within that limit. The lack of space isn't ideal, but we will continue to make the best of what we have. Play space is currently being looked at, NLC were considering the grass area across from the school to be used. We have stated that it needs to be available to local residents to use outwith school also but there's been no further update on that as yet.

12. ROAD SAFETY

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- Road Safety Week went well.
- Gary judged the road safety posters and 2 will be on the railings outside the school and also taken to the new school. The winning entries are on show in the Co-op.
- There doesn't seem to have been as many cars outside the school, possibly due to the nice weather.

13.A.O.B

- Tea and tissues on 16th August for new P1 parents - who will be available? AH and GB will both attend. Others to let know if they can make it. CM has since confirmed that she can make this.
- SF will get 55 bears to AH before summer.
- The Chair normally presents the P7's with their leaving gift from PC but GB unlikely to be able to make it. AH can stand in or would be nice if presented by DS.

14.D.O.N.M

Monday 7th August back to Zoom as Teams isn't great for a lot of people.
WW will look at discord as an option.